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Select Varieties of Strawberries.

The following varieties of Strawberries have been carefully selected from the entire mass that have been brought to notice in this country and in Europe; and all the others have been rejected, except three or four that are under probation. We have still retained a few secondary varieties, which, from being well known and popular, are usually demanded by those who are not yet familiar with the superior kinds; but we would have preferred to discard them. As a general result, all the Hermaphrodite varieties that have been introduced from Europe, with the single exception of the Victoria (Trollope's), have proved worthless, on account of their unproductiveness; and this includes all the English, French, and Belgic varieties, as they possess no Pistillate varieties except such as they have obtained from America. Every recommendation of these foreign Hermaphrodites as productive and valuable for market is a gross imposition, as they have no value beyond that of mere "Fancy varieties." Dr John H. Bayne, of Alexandria, a highly intelligent cultivator, says, "All the English varieties have proved with me *worthless trash.*" In fact, it may be taken as a general guide, that Pistillate varieties can alone be relied on for *abundant and regular crops.* A few exceptions exist among the American Hermaphrodites where fair crops are produced; but even these cannot be deemed equally reliable, in all respects, as the Pistillates. It is mortifying to witness the ignorance displayed by many of our Pomological writers when describing the qualities and relative productiveness of the varieties they recommend to the public. To see such long discarded varieties as the Swainstone's Seedling, British Queen, Alice Maud, Burr's Seedling, Duke of Kent's Scarlet, Brewer's Emperor, Grove End Scarlet, Black Prince, and Willey, and such trash as Prince of Wales, Cremont Perpetual, Duc de Brabant, Pennsylvania, Jenney's Seedling, Nicholson's Ajax and Ruby, Goliah, Crescent Seedling, and others recommended by *Nurserymen who are authors*, are the grossest wrongs which ignorance can practice on the community. And lately "A Complete Manual" on the Strawberry culture has been published, than which a grosser humbug could not be palmed upon the public. A writer may be sometimes excused for a lack of knowledge on certain points, but when he professes to give *special instruction* to others, he is certainly inexcusable for presenting so absolute an abortion as the work in question, and thus abusing the public confidence by the dissemination of a mass of errors and falsities. It is from such blind guidance, that so many Nursery Catalogues still continue to recommend to their customers miserable, unproductive Hermaphrodites, and other worthless kinds. We deem it of great importance to caution the public against the mass of trash which is constantly offered for sale in various quarters.

Of the following Assortment, 48 of the most splendid varieties, designated by an asterisk, were originated by us, and selected from thousands of seedlings during the past 12 years, and many are now offered for sale for the first time, and the most of them are not in the possession of any other Nursery whatever. We mention this emphatically, as we notice that a (so-called) Nurseryman in Massachusetts, whose actual Nursery is comprised solely in his Advertisements and Catalogues, has the temerity to state that

he has "all the newest French and American varieties." Amateurs should visit and inspect the different Nurseries, and decide understandingly. No less than a dozen are sold of any one variety, and no orders are desired for a less amount than $10. P. denotes Pistillate, and H. Hermaphrodite varieties, usually termed Staminate.

Remark.—All the following Strawberries, up to No. 88 inclusive, are varieties of the *Scarlet, Pine,* and *Chili* species, which are indigenous to America; and every large variety that has ever been produced in Europe has been grown from seeds of the American species.

	P. doz.	P. 50	P. 100
1. **Brighton Pine,** H. Early, large, obtuse cone, bright deep scarlet, fine flavor, productive; plant vigorous, large foliage	1 00	3 00	5 00
2. **Barry's Extra,** H. rather large, or secondary size, short cone, beautiful scarlet, excellent flavor, firm and suitable for market, productive; plant hardy, foliage vigorous, leaves dark green, thick and leathery, unaffected by the sun's heat, and the plants never die out	50	1 50	2 50
3. **Bicton Pine,** H. large irregular form, often compressed, white, with a tinge of pink on one side, moderate flavor, with a pleasant musky aroma. The plant is rather delicate, and produces but moderately, being only desirable for its color. *Barr's White,* is very similar in quality, but may be a slight improvement in size and flavor	75	2 50	4 50
4. **Bishop's Orange,** P. late, minor size, round, beautiful orange scarlet, but little flavor, very profuse bearer, particularly desirable as one of the later varieties after the general crop. There is a spurious crimson variety called by this name at Rochester and Boston	25	75	1 25
Do. do. do. per 1,000	$10 00		
5. **Burr's Scarlet Melting,** P, early, rather large, rounded or short cone, bright scarlet, showy, moderate flavor, rather soft for market, very productive	38	75	1 00
6. **Burr's New Pine,** P, medium size, light scarlet, rich flavor, moderately productive, and produces on moist soils, or when irrigated, a moderate second crop in September. It has been unduly extolled by persons who are ignorant of the many superior varieties	25	75	1 00
7. **Champion Montevideo.** H, very large, oblong cone, scarlet, fine color and flavor: very large flowers, vig-			

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orous growth, fair bearer for this class, ripening gradually for two or three weeks. It is indispensable that the varieties of this family be grown in a strong rich soil, and free from runners. All the Montevideo varieties are of the same original species as the British Queen, but are much more hardy and productive than that or any of the mass of deceptive trash which have been palmed upon us from England with Myatt's, and Nicholson's, and other names attached	1 50	4 00	6 00
8. **Chester,** P, medium size, conical with a neck, crimson, moderate flavor, exceedingly productive; plant vigorous and very hardy, valuable	25	75	1 50
9. ***Clarissa,** P, medium size, conical with a neck, light scarlet, sweet fine flavor, showy, productive	1 00	2 50	4 00
10. **Climax Scarlet,** P, medium size, conical, light scarlet, good flavor, rather acid, productive	25	75	1 00
11. ***Corinne,** P, rather large, obtuse cone, crimson, sweet, fine flavor, valuable	75	2 25	3 50
12. ***Cordova Montevideo,** H, large, obtuse cone, light scarlet, good flavor, productive, valuable	1 00	2 50	4 00
15. ***Coronet Scarlet,** P, medium size, rounded, beautiful scarlet, excellent flavor, productive, valuable	1 50	4 00	6 00
16. ***Crimson Globe,** P, large, rounded, crimson, good flavor, juicy, very productive; foliage dark green. A Seedling of the Hovey	75	2 25	3 50
17. **Crimson Cone,** P, fair size, or rather large, oblong cone, bright crimson, sprightly flavor, rather acid, seeds deeply embedded, very productive, vigorous growth. Great quantities are brought to market from New Jersey, where they might double their profits by growing larger and more estimable varieties	25	75	1 00
18. ***Crimson Perfumed,** P, large obovate or rounded, crimson, sweet, high flavor when fully ripe, very productive, foliage dark green	1 00	2 50	4 00
20. **Crimson Profuse,** P, moderate size, rounded or obtuse cone, crimson, moderate flavor, not sweet, but sprightly acid, and fine when sugared, firm, good market fruit, exceedingly productive	50	1 50	2 50
21. ***Crimson Prolific,** P, medium size, conical, crimson, sweet and good flavor, strong scapes, profusely pro-			

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ductive, tall vigorous foliage, a good fruit for market	1 00	2 50	4 00
22. *Diadem, P, very large and showy, rounded, beautiful light scarlet, pleasant flavor, a remarkably fine and beautiful berry; plant very robust, vigorous, and hardy, very productive. A seedling of the Iowa	1 50	4 00	6 00
23. *Dido Swainstone, H, very large, short cone, some rounded, scarlet, fine rich flavor, fair crop for its class and sex	50	1 50	2 50
24. *Excelsa, P, very large, rounded or compressed, crimson, fine flavor, juicy, productive, valuable	1 00	2 50	4 00
25. *Eximium, P, large, rounded or obtuse cone, crimson, sweet, fine flavor, productive, estimable	1 00	2 50	4 00
26. *Eclypse, P, rather early, being among the secondary varieties in ripening, rather large, conical, splendid fruit on strong peduncles, bright scarlet, high color, and high flavor, rather soft, very productive, with the remarkable property that all the berries ripen very nearly at the same time; plant vigorous, a very valuable early market variety	1 00	2 50	4 00
27. *Eustatia, P, secondary size or rather large, conical scarlet, fine flavor, productive	50	1 50	2 50
28. Genessee, H, rather early, medium size, oblong rounded with a neck, bright crimson, showy, moderate flavor, fruit on long scapes, productive for its sex; plant vigorous	25	75	1 00
29. *Globose Cluster, P, large, rounded, beautiful, bright light scarlet, moderate flavor, rather acid, and too soft for carriage to market, very showy and productive, vigorous growth, with large foliage, very hardy. A seedling of the Iowa	1 00	2 50	4 00
30. *Globose Scarlet, P, large, rounded, beautiful light scarlet, mild flavor, very productive, plant hardy and very vigorous	1 50	4 00	6 00
31. *Globose Swaintose, H, very large, obtuse cone, dull scarlet, very high flavor, productive for its class and sex, valuable	1 00	2 50	4 00
32. Hovey's Seedling, P, very large, but very unequal in size, conical, crimson, a splendid berry, but its dark color and little flavor are unfavorable, and others consequently take precedence on these points. It is,			

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however, a remarkable variety, very productive, with broad, dark-green, luxuriant foliage, not so tall as most other varieties. Being so very large and firm, it is grown extensively for market; but even there the higher flavored and brighter colored varieties command a preference and much higher prices. It is very productive when accompanied by a suitable Staminate	25	75	1 00
Ditto .....per 1000, 8 00			
33. **Hudson,** H and P, large, pointed cone, dark scarlet, excellent flavor when fully ripe, very productive, an old, well known market fruit	25	75	1 00
33½. **Hooker,** H, very large, obtuse cone, crimson, very sweet, fine flavor, productive, valuable; plant vigorous. Said to be a seedling of the Black Prince	1 00	2 50	4 00
34. **Huntsman's Montevideo,** P, large, light scarlet, short cone or rounded, indifferent flavor, but would probably be improved at the South, to which climate it seems appropriate. Ripens late, and continues two or three weeks, fairly productive for its sex. It was the first Pistillate variety obtained from the Montevideo, none having ever been produced in Europe. We have at last obtained two or three Pistillate varieties, which will be gratifying intelligence to those who have been striving to obtain a Pistillate seedling from the British Queen, which is of the same family	50	1 50	2 50
34½. ***Huntsman's Favorite,** P, medium size, conical, scarlet, high flavor, excellent, productive; plant of only moderate vigor	75	2 25	3 50
35. ***Imperial Crimson,** P, large, short cone or rounded, dark scarlet or crimson, fine color, sweet, fine flavor, a first rate berry, firm, productive. It is nearly as large as McAvoy's Superior, and much more suitable for transportation to market	2 00	5 00	8 00
36. ***Imperial Scarlet,** P, very large, and second only in size among the Pistillates to *Scarlet Magnate,* to which it is preferable in flavor; form obtuse cone or rounded, scarlet, handsome, juicy and sprightly flavor, firm for market, productive; plant very vigorous, foliage pale green, very large and luxuriant, a remarkable variety, very valuable for the size and beauty of its fruit, and for its other qualities	2 00	5 00	8 00
37. **Iowa,** H, early, large, broad rounded, light orange scarlet, peculiar color, beautiful, inferior flavor, fair crop for its sex, and very hardy. It is a distinct and pe-			

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culiar species, native of our Western prairies, but several new seedlings from it comprised in this Catalogue far surpass the parent in size, productiveness, and flavor. At Cincinnati this is called "Washington"	25	75	1 00
38. *Imogene, P, rather large, rounded, light scarlet, very sweet, juicy, high flavored, productive, valuable	75	2 25	3 50
39. Jenny Lind, H, early, rather large, conical, light scarlet, seeds embedded, good flavor, rather soft, productive for its sex, good for an early market fruit	1 00	3 00	5 00
40. Large Early Scarlet, or Early Virginia, H, moderate size, conical, light scarlet, pleasant flavor, and produces one-third to one-half as large a crop as the Pistillate varieties. Its only value has been its precocity, which is now equaled by others, greatly superior to it in size and productiveness. Even as a fertilizer, its blossoms expand too early to be generally effective. We have a genuine Pistillate variety, more productive	25	75	1 00
Ditto per 1000, 6 00			
41. *Le Baron, H, early, very large, obtuse cone, dark scarlet, not showy, sweet, rich, melting, highest flavor of all the largest varieties, very productive for one of its sexuality, and continues long in bearing, very vigorous; a seedling of the old Swainstone	1 00	3 00	5 00
42. Ladies' Pine, P, medium size, perfectly round, beautiful light scarlet, very sweet, highest and most exquisite flavor, productive; foliage dark green, as if varnished, vigorous growth, with large fruit stems. This most estimable fruit will be deemed indispensable by every amateur who once tastes it	1 50	4 00	6 00
43. Longworth's Prolific, or Schneicke's Hermaphrodite, H, early, large, rounded, scarlet, fine flavor, sweet but not as sweet as McAvoy's Superior, and only two thirds its size, but has some advantage in earliness and color, and many berries ripen together. It is a valuable family fruit, productive for its sex, but not equally so with the Primate; foliage pale green, by which it is readily distinguished. The leaves are very subject to be burned by the sun	38	1 00	1 50
Ditto, per 1,000 $12 50			
44. *Luscious Scarlet, P, large, rounded, dark scarlet, first rate flavor, productive	1 00	3 00	5 00

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45. *Magnificent, P, very large, obtuse cone, light scarlet, good flavor, very productive, very valuable	1 00	2 50	4 00
46. *Melrose, P, secondary size, conical, bright scarlet, fine sprightly flavor, juicy, productive	75	2 25	3 50
47. *Maximus Swainstone, H, very large, obtuse cone, dark crimson, high flavor, a fair bearer. All the varieties of the Swainstone should be cultivated in hills, and be kept free from suckers, and they will then produce good crops	1 00	2 50	4 00
48. McAvoy's No. 1, P, very large, conical, bright light scarlet, very showy, very productive, acid, not high flavored, ripens late, vigorous foliage and growth. A seedling of the Iowa	38	1 00	1 50
Ditto, per 1,000 $12 00			
49. McAvoy's Superior, P, very large, averaging fully as large as Hovey's seedling, rounded, glossy crimson, of a good color in the medium stage, but becomes, when full ripe, rather dark, very juicy, good flavor, very productive. This is a highly valuable family fruit, but will not do for market, as it is tender, bruises easily, and speedily decays. It may be deemed a rather early variety, and continues with a long succession of fruit, and in a strong soil will often throw up a succession of scapes, that bloom at the period the first crop is ripening. Those who have condemned this fruit, could not have possessed the genuine variety. *McAvoy's Extra Red* we reject, it being the sourest and most worthless of all Strawberries. It is astonishing that Mr. Longworth should have so perverted his judgment as to recommend it.	38	1 00	1 50
Ditto, per 1,000 $12 00			
50. *Melinda, P, early, rather large, purse shaped, scarlet, very good flavor, productive	75	2 25	3 50
51. Malvina, P, large crimson, obovate, good flavor and firm, much resembling Hovey's seedling in appearance, not quite so large, but of a more equal size, of brighter color and better flavor, and therefore more valuable for market, very productive; foliage luxuriant, the whole habit and foliage of the plant resemble Hovey's seedling, which must have been its parent.	50	1 50	2 50
52. *Monstrous Swainstone, H, large, dark scarlet, obovate or roundish, delicious flavor, numerous trusses, very			

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vigorous, with large pale-green foliage. A prolific seedling from the old Swainstone	1 00	2 50	4 00
53. **Moyamensing,** P. A variety of the Hudson, and not of the Pine family, and we, therefore, drop the "Pine" from its name. Fruit secondary size, conical, crimson, juicy, not sweet, and with but little flavor, strong fruit stems, ripens gradually, very productive; plant of vigorous growth; the fruit assimilates greatly to the old Hudson in form, color, and general appearance, quite showy, and being firm, it will bear carriage to market	38	1 00	1 50
54. **Nicholson's Fill-Basket,** H, very large, roundish form, bright scarlet, very showy, a moderate bearer. It requires high culture to succeed well, and like his Ajax and other English varieties, is totally unsuited for a market fruit	1 00	2 50	4 00
55. **Orange Prolific,** P, large, obtuse cone, and some rounded, bright orange scarlet, showy fruit, rather acid, not high flavored, exceedingly productive, ripens about a week after the early kinds	37	1 00	1 50
56. **Omar Pasha,** H. This new variety is said to be one of the largest and most splendid. Having received it only the past spring (1856), we have not yet had an opportunity of seeing the fruit	2 00	6 00	10 00
57. ***Palatine,** P, very large, obtuse cone, bright scarlet, very juicy, fine flavor, productive	1 00	2 50	4 00
58. ***Perfumed Scarlet,** P, rather large, rounded, light scarlet, highest flavor of all, productive. This and the Le Baron may be considered the climax in flavor	1 00	2 50	4 00
59. ***Primate,** H, large, conical, deep scarlet, beautiful, firm, moderate flavor, the most productive of all Hermaphrodites. A good market fruit, vigorous growth, with dark luxuriant foliage, and very hardy. It produces double the crop of Longworth's Prolific	75	2 25	4 00
61. ***Prince's Climax,** P, very large, conical, beautiful bright scarlet, a splendid fruit, good flavor, very productive, estimable; plant vigorous, with pale-green foliage	2 00	6 00	10 00
62. ***Prolific Swainstone,** H, very large, conical, dark scarlet, splendid, sweet, high flavor, very productive for its sex, very valuable, being second only to the Le Baron of this class	50	1 50	2 50

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64. **Rhode Island Seedling.** H, quite late, large, but very variable in size, conical, dark scarlet, moderate flavor, with too much acidity, fair crop for its sex, ripens in succession for two weeks	38	1 25	2 00
65. **Rival Hudson, (Burr's)** P, rather large, conical, dark scarlet, showy, medium quality, acid, good for preserves, very productive	25	75	1 00
66. **Rosalind,** P, rather large, conical, bright scarlet, showy, fine flavor, productive, valuable for market	1 50	4 00	6 00
67. ***Saccharine Scarlet.** P, moderate size, conical, scarlet, extra sweet flavor, productive	1 00	2 50	4 00
68. **Scarlet Cone,** P, secondary size, short cone or rounded, bright scarlet, fair flavor, productive	37	1 00	1 50
69. ***Prince's Magnate,** P, largest of all, rounded, and some berries compressed, scarlet, rich flavor, productive, highly valuable, a very distinct fruit; plant hardy and vigorous, with large broad foliage. The berries are of larger average size than Hovey's Seedling	2 00	6 00	10 00
70. ***Scarlet Primordian,** H, rather early, large, splendid, dark scarlet, oblong conical, pleasant flavor, good bearer for its sex if kept free from runners, valuable,	1 00	2 50	4 00
71. ***Scarlet Prolific,** P, medium size, conical, bright scarlet, extra sweet flavor, very productive, valuable. A seedling of Burr's new Pine, and a great improvement on that variety in size, flavor, and productiveness	1 00	2 50	4 00
72. **Schneicke's Pistillate,** P, medium size, obovate or rounded, bright scarlet, good flavor, produces a fair crop; plant vigorous, dark green foliage. It is not equal to the other Cincinnati varieties, No. 43 and 49 of this Catalogue, either in size or flavor; but being firm is better for market	38	1 00	1 50
Ditto	per 1000, $12 00		
73. **Scott's Seedling,** H, large, oblong cone, bright crimson, beautiful, not high flavor, rich and melting, not juicy, productive for its sex, vigorous, very hardy	50	1 50	2 00
74. ***Serena,** H, rather large, conical, light scarlet, sweet, excellent flavor, very productive, very estimable	75	2 00	3 50
75. ***Sirius,** H, early, large, light orange scarlet, obtuse cone or rounded, fine color and showy, good flavor,			

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very productive for its sex. It is of the Iowa family, and sweeter than any other variety of its class, and of vigorous habit	1 50	4 00	6 00
76. *Superlative, P, medium size, light scarlet, rich spicy flavor, productive; plant vigorous and hardy. This is a seedling of Burr's New Pine, and superior to it in productiveness and vigor, and like that it will produce a moderate second crop in September, if irrigated	75	2 00	3 00
77. *Suprema, P, large, rounded, light scarlet, fair flavor, productive, plant of tall vigorous growth, pale green foliage	1 00	2 50	4 00
78. *Supreme Staminate, H, monstrous obtuse cone, bright scarlet, good flavor, a remarkable berry, fair crop for its sex; plant very vigorous, with tall and large foliage	1 00	2 50	4 00
79. *Sylvania, P, rather large, conical, dark scarlet, dark red flesh, good flavor, juicy, slight acid, very productive, valuable	75	2 00	3 50
80. *Theresa, P, large, obtuse cone, dark scarlet, good flavor, productive, valuable	75	2 00	3 50
81. *Transcendant Scarlet, P, extra large, dark scarlet, round, often compressed, sweet and good, productive, valuable	1 50	4 00	6 00
82. *Triumph, H, very early, fruit on strong stems, pointed conical, beautiful scarlet, mild flavor, very productive, the earliest variety producing large fruit, which ripens in succession for 8 or 10 days. It is twice the size of the "Large Early Scarlet" and thrice as productive. It requires a strong rich soil. It seems to have a deficiency of foliage, and to exhaust itself in flowers and fruit	1 00	3 00	5 00
83. *Triumphant Scarlet, H, very large, conical, deep scarlet, fine flavor, fair bearer for this class, ripening gradually for two or three weeks	1 00	2 50	4 00
84. *Troubadour, P, large, conical, scarlet, handsome, good flavor, productive	1 00	2 50	4 00
86. Victoria (Trollope's), H, large flowers, monstrous berries, roundish ovate, light shining scarlet, juicy, good flavor, rather acid, a splendid showy fruit. It yields a better crop than other English varieties, and the plant is vigorous	1 00	3 00	5 00

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87. **Walker's Seedling,** H, rather large, conical, dark crimson, fine flavor, productive for its sex, valuable. A seedling from the Black Prince	38	1 25	2 00
88. ***Warrington,** H, large, obtuse cone, dark scarlet, fair crop, a valuable seedling from the Swainstone	50	1 50	2 00

HAUTBOIS, ENGLISH WOOD, AND ALPINE STRAWBERRIES.

The following, except No. 99, constitute all the species of Strawberries that are of European origin, thus presenting the same inferiority in this fruit when contrasted with our own Continent, as is exhibited in so many other sections of the Vegetable Kingdom.

ALL ARE HERMAPHRODITES.

89. **Flat Hautbois,**	50	1 50	2 50
90. **Prolific or Conical Hautbois,**	25	75	1 00

This produces a second crop in September.

91. **Myatt's Prolific Hautbois,**	50	1 50	2 50
92. **Green Hautbois,**	50	1 50	2 00

The last named produces tolerable crops. Fruit of moderate size, with a high musk flavor. The *Green Hautbois* is a distinct species, form flattened, greenish, tinged with red, very high musk flavor, an object of curiosity.

93. **English Red Wood,**	25	75	1 00
94. **English White Wood,**	25	75	1 00

The two preceding differ from each other only in color, and produce small fruit in great abundance, supported like the preceding class on scapes rising above the foliage. They have a peculiar wild but not high flavor, and by many are much esteemed.

95. **Red Running Alpine,**	25	75	1 00
96. **White Running do**	50	1 50	2 00

These produce fruit similar to 93 and 94, with this advantage, that they continue in bearing till the winter arrests them.

	P. doz.	P. 50	P. 100
97. **Red Bush Alpine,**	50	1 50	2 00
98. **White Bush do**	50	1 50	2 50

These are precisely like the preceding, with the exception that they form stools, and never throw out any runners.

99. **Indica, or Yellow Flowering,** showy fruit, not eatable. Ornamental only. 50 cents per pair.

NEW ENGLISH STRAWBERRIES.

100. **Admiral Dundas,** ..... per doz. $1 50

101. **Sir Harry,** ..... " 1 50

Both these are said to be very large, and the few fruit yet produced here were so; but, being Hermaphrodites, we may anticipate the same disappointments as to crops that have so universally attached to all other varieties from the same quarter.

REJECTED VARIETIES.

Aberdeen Beehive.
Alice Maud (Princess).
Athlete.
Belle de Pallnau.
Bishop's orange, crimson variety.
Black Prince (unproductive).
Bostock.
Boston Pine.
Bretonneau.
Britannia.
British Queen.
Buist's Prize.
Burr's Columbus.
——— Late Prolific.
——— Ohio Mammoth.
——— Profusion.
——— Scioto.
——— Seedling.
Cobi Prolific.
Comte de Flandres.
——— de Paris.
Comtesse de Marne.
Cremont, or Cremont perpetual.
Crescent Seedling.
Cushing.
Cuthill's Black Prince.
Downton.
Duc de Brabant.
Duchesse de Trevise.
Dundee (*synonym*).
Eberlin.
Elton Pine.
Excellente.
French Hautbois.
French Musk.
Garden of Eden.
General Jacqueminot.
Goliath (Kitley's).
Higgins' Seeding.
Honneur de Belgique.
Hooper's Seedling.
Ingram's Prince of Wales.
Jenney's Seedling.
Keen's Seedling.
Knevett's Pine.
La Delicieuse.
La Liegeoise.
La Merveille de Flandres.
La Reine.
Lizzie Randolph.
McAvoy's Extra red, *trash.*
Mammoth Alpine.
Merveille de Flandres.
Methven Scarlet.
Monroe Scarlet, *sour, without flavor*
Myatt's Black Rock.
——— Deptford Pine.
——— Eleanor.
——— Eliza.
——— Globe.
——— Mammoth.
——— Prolific.
——— Quinquefolia.
Necked Pine (Ohio).
Nicholson's Ajax.
Nicholson's Ruby.
Nicholson's Captain Cook.
Nimrod.
Old Pine.
Patrick's Seedling.
Pennsylvania.
Peabody's Perpetual Hovey is Burr's New Pine.
Premices de Bagnolet.
Prince Albert.
——— of Orleans.
——— of Wales (Cuthill's).
Princess Royal.
Richardson's Cambridge, } Hermaphrodites.
——— Early, } Hermaphrodites.
——— Late. } Hermaphrodites.
River's Eliza.
Roseberry.
Ross Phœnix.
Royal Pine.
Royal Scarlet.
Schiller.
Southborough Seedling.
Stirling Castle.
Surprise.
Swainstone's Seedling.
Taylor's Seedling.
Triomphe de Gand.
Unique.
Versaillaise.
Vicomtesse Hericart.
Walworth.
Washington.
Willey, *vile trash.*

WHOLESALE PRICES OF STRAWBERRY PLANTS.

When a very large number of Strawberries are wanted to form plantations for market purposes, the price can be arranged by negotiation. Some of the most abundant varieties can be supplied at $6 to $10 per 1000; others more rare at $15 to $20 per 1000; and others still more rare, and ranking among the most splendid and valuable, at $30 per 1000. The Selections in these cases to be made by us as convenient, but with proper consideration and liberality towards the purchaser, who may suggest any kinds he prefers, and such of them as we can spare conveniently will be supplied in quantity.

REMARKS.

Our Specimen Strawberry beds occupy an acre and a half, with walks between them; and these being kept clean, there is no possibility of any admixture, or confusion in the varieties. The whole is under the management of a skillful gardener, with the especial supervision of the proprietor (Wm. R. Prince); and there is no possibility of any inaccuracy. We consequently *guarantee expressly every plant emanating from us.*

Amateurs of this fruit are invited to visit our Collection at the period of ripening; for without an inspection, they can form no idea of the magnificent and highly flavored varieties which are yet unknown in other sections of the Union. We have for twelve years been engaged in perfecting our Collection, by importations in part, but principally by seeds, and have striven to combine as far as possible the following properties: 1st, Size; 2d, Quality and Flavor; 3d, Productiveness; 4th, Beauty.

SEXUALITY AND SELECTION OF PLANTS.

Strawberry Plants are of three characters:—1st. Staminate, or Male, *sterile;* 2d. Hermaphrodite or Bisexual, *more or less productive;* 3d. Pistillate or Female, *very productive.* The two first have been usually spoken of as one, by ourselves and others, when referring to impregnators; and the second has usually been termed Staminate, when speaking of Fruit-bearing varieties The Hermaphrodite or Bisexual class comprises two very distinct divisions:—1st. Varieties producing flowers that invariably combine the two sexes; 2d. Varieties producing distinct Bisexual and Pistillate flowers on the same plant. All these sexual characteristics, as above stated, are *normal* and *permanent;* and as false impressions are conveyed by the terms as hitherto applied, we deem it important to correct the nomenclature by a true application of terms. It is indispensably necessary that the Pistillate varieties be accompanied by about one twentieth of some Staminate or Hermaphrodite variety, and they will then prove invariably productive. This course was recommended in our Treatise on Horticulture, published in 1828, since which it has been adopted in Ohio and elsewhere.

CULTURE.

It is requisite that the ground for Strawberry beds be perfectly free from all weeds and their seeds. The preferable soil is a rich firm loam that retains moisture, but sufficiently friable for filtration, which should be highly manured, but without a possibility of nauseous weeds being introduced therewith.

The beds should be three feet wide, with four rows of plants lengthwise, and these a foot apart each way. This width will admit of all the fruit being gathered from the sides without trampling on any plants. A path, of about fifteen inches in width, should be left between the beds.

The best periods for spring planting, are the month of April for this and more northern latitudes, and the months of February and March for the more southern States. And for the plantations after fruiting, we prefer the months of August and September in this latitude and north of it, and the months of September and October for the more southern localities. The early autumnal planting has this superiority—such plants will produce a fair crop the ensuing summer.

The Pistillate varieties possess the great advantage that they may be allowed to run together in a mass, and will in this mode bear profusely; and this is the most profitable course of culture; whereas the larger Hermaphrodite varieties (with only two or three peculiar exceptions) will not produce a fair crop unless they are cultivated as distinct plants, and kept clear of runners. There can be no such result as a failure in the crops of Pistillate varieties (when accompanied by Staminates or Hermaphrodites). *Every Pistillate variety is productive*, varying only in abundance. The Hermaphrodites may all be deemed *moderate bearers*, except where we have denoted otherwise; and the few exceptions mostly produce fruit of but medium or small size. The Primate, and two or three other Hermaphrodites, comprise the only varieties, with large fruit, that produce large crops. In selecting an impregnator to plant among Pistillates, it is the better course to select a productive Hermaphrodite variety, as this will prevent any loss of space.

The Hermaphrodites or Staminates should be planted in distinct rows or beds, and not among the Pistillates, as the more rapid increase of the former would soon cause the beds to be overrun with them.

In regard to hardihood, all the varieties here enumerated will withstand the winters of the most northern States, by simply covering the beds with four inches of straw or leaves, or leaf-mould from the forest, by which the danger of the plants freezing out is prevented. Spent tan may be used as a winter covering to the depth of three or four inches; but it should be removed very early, or it will materially injure the crop.

CHINESE POTATO.

DIOSCOREA BATATAS, IMPERIAL RICE-WHITE VARIETY.

I invite the public to view my plantation of two-and-a-half acres, containing 35,000 plants of this inestimable esculent. I am desirous to identify myself with the introduction of this most important plant; and after having devoted half a century to horticultural pursuits, I ask no greater boon of my countrymen than to award me this claim, which I am striving to merit more fully by its extensive culture. I shall also be thereby enabled to supply the many correspondents hereafter, whom I was unable to supply in April without then breaking into the arrangements for my present plantation.

Having most fully investigated the merits of this esculent, I have a few positions to state in regard to it, which, being somewhat bold in their character, *I wish my countrymen to record for future verification.* 1st. I assert that the *Dioscorea Batatas* of *Decaisne*, is perfectly hardy during our severest winters. 2d. That it is more nutritious than any other esculent we cultivate. 3d. That its culture is so easy and simple, and its product so great, that it can be afforded incomparably cheaper than any other nutritious vegetable, it having produced in France at the rate of above 800 bushels per acre. 4th. That the combination of every useful property, renders it the greatest vegetable boon ever granted by God to man, and that its introduction to our country is even more important than that of cotton, and that in twenty years our National statistics will report the value of the annual crop *as greater than the Cotton crop.*

Next I assert, that this plant alone has served to solve the enigma as to the alimentary basis of the Chinese empire, and that a statistical investigation will prove, that if that country were deprived of this one vertical root, and received in lieu every other known vegetable, more than one-half of its enormous population would perish from famine. Further, I assert, that such are its superior properties—the three most important of which I have above detailed—that it is destined not only to supersede every other potato and every similar esculent in all countries of the temperate zone, but that it will attain in all these countries the position it occupies in China, and will consequently usurp a portion of the position which is now occupied here by Indian corn and by Wheat; it being perfectly competent to make good bread similar to that of wheat, and capable of being afforded at an incomparably cheaper rate. As the roots propagate so easily and rapidly, it will, after a few years, become generally disseminated; but, for the first four or five years, millions of dollars will be made by its early cultivators, until all countries are supplied. The stupidity and ignorance of those who have maliciously assailed this plant, will be understood by the perusal of an address delivered by me before the American Institute, which institution awarded its Silver Medal for this vegetable, and has also in its transactions recommended its culture as a substitute for the common potato. The Secretary, the Hon. Henry Meigs, has made a most triumphant Report in regard to its successful culture in France. The statements pretending to emanate from the Farmer's Club of the American Institute, the last spring, unfavorable to this plant, were *barefaced forgeries*, made from malicious motives,—as was fully exposed. At the present time there are nearly one thousand per-

sons in the Union who have the Chinese Potato under culture (mostly supplied by myself), and the public cannot fail to obtain from them satisfactory and conclusive information the ensuing autumn, for their future guidance. Persons who are desirous of ample information as to the last year's successful culture in Europe, can consult the "Mark-Lane Express" and "Gardener's Chronicle" of Great Britain, and the "Revue Horticole," published under the direction of the French Institute; which latter, in its last Quarto for 1855, devotes twenty entire pages to the experiments and culture of this plant, and concludes with the following astounding announcement:—"This esculent has now been tested in every Department of France, even to its most northern limits, the shore of the Rhine, and it is to be deemed, henceforth, incorporated into the agriculture of France." I have taken especial pains to inform myself fully, by examining several very extensive Chinese Agricultural works which have been translated by order of the French Government, and it is the perusal of these works and their elaborate details as to the extensive culture of this root in China, which have most fully confirmed in my mind the vast importance of this inestimable esculent.

WM. R. PRINCE.

N. B.—The Dioscorea Japonica—Japan Potato, and other kinds, we only cultivate as fancy varieties.

TERMS FOR THE CHINESE POTATO.

In order to facilitate its general dissemination, I will, until Sept. 1st, contract as follows, deliverable in October:—For 100 to 1,000 tubers, $15 per hundred, with a condition that if my crop shall equal my expectations, the price shall be reduced to $10 per hundred. Terms.—One-fourth of the amount to be remitted with the order, and the balance payable at the time of delivery.

Orders for Trees, &c.—It is indispensable that every order be plainly and regularly made out, and not mixed up and confused with the letter, and that plain directions how they are to be marked and forwarded should immediately follow the order, so as to be complete and distinct from the letter. All Packages of Trees, Plants, &c., will be marked and forwarded as requested by Express or otherwise, and a Receipt taken therefor, and forwarded to the purchaser, after which our responsibility ceases.

Note.—I shall communicate in future through the "Tribune" Newspaper such information as I may deem most important in regard to this esculent, and of most interest to cultivators.

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